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# Dulka Pit, Dolni Sucha

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"About 2,300 miners work in the Dulka pit at Dolp' ucha. They work three shifts a day. This number includes 400 civilian miners and 400 unskilled brigade workers. The remainder are soldiers of the PTP military labor units. The director is Karel Kudrna, a former miner who lacks the education and skill for his technical post. Four mining engineers are attached to the pit.

(Inu) Perecka. The 'politically unreliable' soldiers of the TT units are supervised during work by the shiftmaster (fnu) Kana.

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the president of the miners' council is (fnu) <u>Kubicjek</u>, who leads the CP unit in the ukla Cedivoda pit. The workers' smilitia consists of 12 persons armed with army rifles. The personnel chief (<u>kadrovy referent</u>) is a Fole, (fnu) <u>Fukula</u>.

3. The pit seems to have no modern equipment. Host of the equipment was brought in curing the had occupation. The machinery marked "Stalin" from the U.R is made of bad material which often breaks. pare parts are not available. For blasting the minera use a new explosive marked marked lardox. This is produced at the Synthesia factory at eatin from "compressed air".

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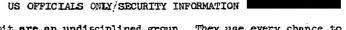
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- 4. "The miners at the Dulka pit are an undisciplined group. They use every chance to slacken off and often sleep during the night shift. They do their grumbling underground, however, not on the surface.
- 5. "A workers' camp near the pit is directed by (fnu) Tichy, a Communist, with (fnu) Dolecek as security officer.

#### Female Miners

6. "About 500 young women are working as mining apprentices in various coal pits in the Moravska Ostrava region. They live in the Internat Stalingrad.

# Reaction to Stalin's Death

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small reaction in the area to the deaths of Stalin and Gottwald. Gottwald's name was not mentioned during the May Day parade at the Dukla Pit.

### Impact of the Currency Reform

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10 cigarettes marked l'artyzan - 1.80 Kc 1 kg butter - 36 Kc 1 kg smoked sausage - 40 Kc 1 kg sugar - 14 Kc

- 9. "Between the first and third of June 1953 there were strikes in the Zapotocky and Zofinka pits in the Moravska Ostrava coal mining region. The SNB killed two workers during the riots at the Zapotocky pit. The Communists then sent in military units in field uniforms with heavy machine guns. They occupied the Zapotocky pit and vicinity and put we posters which stated that the area was closed to civilians because of "military exercises".
- the Drevoindustria factories near Liptovsky Svaty
  "Millas and other factories at Turac and Liptovsky Svaty Martin in northern Slovakia
  endured strikes after the currency reform."

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